

## **April 12, 2011 - Special Town Council Meeting**

**At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown, RI held at the Middletown Town Hall on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 6:00 P.M.**

**Council President Arthur S. Weber, Jr., Presiding**

**Vice President Bruce J. Long**

**Councillor Richard Cambra**

**Councillor Edward J. Silveira, Jr.**

**Councillor Christopher T. Semonelli**

**Councillor Antone C. Viveiros**

**Councillor Barbara A. VonVillas, Members Present**

**POSTED – April 8, 2011**

**Wendy J.W. Marshall, Town Clerk**

**Town of Middletown**

**Town Hall – 350 East Main Road**

**Middletown, Rhode Island 02842**

**Dear Mrs. Marshall:**

**Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 203 of the Town Charter and in accordance with Sections 42-46-2., 42-46-4. and 42-46-6., RIGL, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Town Council to formally consider, discuss and act upon the following item of business:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**Joint Meeting with School Committee – School Budget and matters related thereto**

**Said meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at 6:00 P.M. at the Middletown Town Hall, 350 East Main Road, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842.**

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**Arthur S. Weber, Jr., President**

**Middletown Town Council**

**cc:**

**Town Council**

**Public Library**  
**Finance Director**

**Town Administrator**  
**Town Solicitor**  
**School Department**

**Human Resource Manager**

**This meeting location is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requiring interpreter services for the hearing-impaired should notify the Town Clerk's Office at 847-0009 not less than 48 hours before the meeting.**

**On motion of Vice President Long, duly seconded, it was voted**

**unanimously to receive said communication.**

**Also present were Town Administrator Shawn Brown, Town Solicitor Michael W. Miller, Finance Director Lynne Dible, Deputy Finance Director Marc Tanguay and Accounting Manager Deborah Barrett.**

**Present, representing the School Department, were Superintendent Rosemarie Kraeger, Assistant Superintendent Linda Savastano, Business Manager Requel Pellerin, Director of Facilities Edward Collins, Attorney Benjamin Scungio, School Committee Vice Chair Theresa Spengler, members Kellie DiPalma, Liana Ferreira Fenton.**

**Council President Weber welcomed the all who attended the meeting. Mr. Weber explained that there is an economic crisis; monies will not be filtering to the Town from the state and the need to collaborate non-educational services, such as building maintenance and grounds.**

**School Committee Vice Chair Theresa Spengler noted that this evening is an opportunity to discuss financial challenges and explained the goal is to work together as a district.**

**Town Administrator Shawn Brown notes that the overall economic times are poor. Mr. Brown explained that residents require high quality services and the need to maintain existing facilities.**

**Finance Director Lynne Dible reviewed the handout entered here:**

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**Superintendent Rosemarie Kraeger presented a powerpoint presentation, outline entered here:**

**ž MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

## **Ž FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 PROPOSED BUDGET**

### **Ž Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget Goals**

**Ž To map the FY 2011-2012 budget to the Uniform Chart of Accounts to ensure alignment with the Basic Education Program.**

**Ž To use our community fiscal resources wisely and purposefully to maintain and enhance a high quality education.**

**Ž To identify and acquire high quality resources to support district goals and ensure that budget plans link expenditures to anticipated outcomes.**

**Ž To coordinate fiscal resources from local, state and federal funding streams as well as human capital resources, to meet priority instructional goals and to promote equity and excellence.**

**ž To allocate resources that support student achievement and instructional goals, including money, time, personnel and materials, in a manner that supports district goals and maximizes student growth and achievement.**

**ž To ensure equity and adequacy of available resources.**

## **Overview**

**ž Rhode Island State Mandates**

**ı Basic Education Program (BEP)**

**ı Uniform Chart of Accounts (UCOA)**

**ž Budgeting Process/Document**

**ı Zero-Based Budgeting**

**ı UCOA Mapping-Function/Object**



## **ž Revenue Projections**

### **į Funding Formula**

### **į Tax Appropriation**

## **ž Expenditure Projections**

### **į State/Federal Mandated**

## **ž 2011-2012**

### **Budget Development**

## **ž Rhode island state mandates**

## **ž Basic Education Program**

**į The Basic Education Program (BEP) is a set of regulations developed by the Board of Regents to determine standards for the Rhode Island public education system and the maintenance of local appropriation to support its implementation.**

**į The Basic Education Program (BEP) states that “The Local Education Agency is ultimately responsible for operating a system of education and support services that is reasonably designed and adequately resourced to achieve compliance with all aspects of the**

**BEP. The primary responsibility of the administration is the leadership and management of the educational system at multiple levels”.**

**į Rhode island state mandates**

**ž Uniform Chart of Accounts**

**į Under Rhode Island General Law 16-2-9.4, the Office of the Auditor General and the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) were charged with promulgating a uniform system of accounting, including a Uniform Chart of Accounts.**

**į The primary objective is a standardized method to meet the internal and external reporting needs, providing consistent detail in the general ledger to address the questions and need for information of stakeholders at all levels. The data will provide a line by line account of expenditures that will be published by the Rhode Department of Education.**

**į BEP Performance Measures**

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**ž Uniform Chart of Accounts Mapping to BEP**

## **ž Uniform Chart of Accounts Mapping Within Budget**

### **ž Basic Education Program**

**į Each budgetary line item aligns with the Basic Education Program and highlights the mandate for which the funds are supporting.**

### **ž UCOA Function**

**į Details a group of activities aimed at accomplishing a major purpose such as face to face teaching, school management, and program support services.**

### **į UCOA object/expenditure code**

**į Contains the specific revenue or expenditure code for which funds are received or expended. The purpose of the object/expenditure code is to classify in detail ,the services or commodities that is being reported. All expenditures are segregated by type such as compensation, purchased services, debt service, and property cost.**

## **ž Zero Based Budgeting**

## **Level I-Operational Level of Service**

**Assessment of staffing needs based on enrollment and meeting the basic level of services that is required to meet statutory duties.**

## **Level II-State and Federal Law/Mandates**

**Current mandated level of service in accordance with State/Federal Law and the State Basic Education Program**

## **Level III-School/District Priorities**

**Any additional budgeted items that are a priority within the District's Strategic Plan or School Based Plan to meet future needs (Level III-School/District Priorities are NOT included in the 2011-2012 proposed budget.)**

**ž 2011-2012**

## **Revenue Projections**

**ž State Educational Aid**

### **Funding Formula**

**ž**

### **Includes 3 Key Components**

**ı Core Instructional Amount**

**ø Accounts for costs that have greatest impact on child's ability to learn**

**ı Student Success Factor**

**ø Provides Additional Funding to Support Student Needs beyond Core Amount/Free-Reduced Lunch**

**ı State Share Ratio**

**ø Based on Community Property Value adjusted by Median Family Income and Town's Capacity to Tax/Effort**

## **i State Educational Aid**

### **State Unrestricted Educational Aid**

#### **2011 Revised General Revenue**

**\$ 9,312,401**

#### **Restoration of Federal Stabilization**

**\$ 239,355**

#### **Year 1 of Funding Formula**

**\$ (108,944)**

#### **Adjustment for Education Jobs Bill**

**\$ (438,250)**

#### **2012 Funding Change**

**\$ (307,839)**

#### **2012 Governor's Recommended**

**\$ 9,004,562**

#### **2011-2012 Education Jobs Bill**

**\$ 438,250**

## **ž Loss of Stimulus funds**

**ž The overall purpose of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) federal grant programs are to fund activities that will advance short term economic goals by investing quickly to save and create jobs and to fund activities that support long term economic goals by investing wisely, funding activities designed to strengthen education by driving reforms and improving results for students.**

**ž For Fiscal Year 2012, Middletown Public Schools has lost \$984,193 of Federal Stimulus dollars. The impact on the school department is a loss of dollars to support professional development, literacy and special education support services, and offsets to summer school and regional special education cost.**

## **ž 2011-2012 Budget**

**Projected Revenue**

## **ž Three Year Comparison**

**Major Categories(Budgeted)**

## **ž Estimated Fund Balance**

**ž Major Revenue Trends**

**ž 2011-2012 Expenditures**

**ž Expenditure Projections**

**ž The primary responsibility of each Local Education Agency (LEA) is to create and sustain high quality learning environments that meet the standards set forth the in the Basic Education Program.**

**ž The LEA shall ensure that learning is at all times the ultimate focus of every individual employed in the district. Full implementation of the Basic Education Program requires that student learning be the primary reference point for decision making, responsive policy development, resource allocation, and personnel assignment and evaluation**

**ž Projected Enrollment**

**ž Expenditure Projections**

**ž Highly Qualified Certified Staff**

**ž Three Year Comparison**

**Major Categories (Budgeted)**



**ž Future Steps**

**ž Legislative Discussions**

**ž Generating Alternative Revenue Sources**

**ž Expand Collaborative Efforts**

**ž Contract Analysis**

**Discussion centered around unfunded state mandates, the Basic Education Program (BEP), salaries and benefits, funding formula legislation, the loss of stimulus monies, need for quality education, the Town and School Departments working together to share duplicated services and enrollment.**

**Councillor Viveiros requests the School Administration to review and look for reductions in the School budget by 1%.**

**Town Administrator Shawn Brown noted the need to address the Town's long term structural deficit.**

**Attorney Benjamin Scungio noted that the unions understand the need to make changes. The issue will be addressed, when the current contracts expire.**

**On motion of Vice President Long, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn this meeting at 8:30 P.M.**

**Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC**

**Council Clerk**

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